

13 POLICEMAN CAPTURE 2 BOYS

Youngsters Only Seven and Eight Years Old, but Caused Much Trouble.

EXPERT YOUNG THIEVES.

Robbed a Drug Store Several Times Right Under the Noses of Policemen Who Were on Watch.

It took thirteen policemen, headed by Detective Maurice Cohen, to capture George Gillogran, seven years old, and Timothy Callahan, aged eight, and take them to the Church street station to-day.

For a month or more the police of the precinct have been trying to discover the perpetrators of several small burglaries. The drug store at No. 79 Cortlandt street, owned by S. S. Hennessy, was the pet object of the thieves. The cash drawer was rifled time and again while the stock of candies and sweet stuffs was decreased at every visit of the burglars.

So Detective Cohen, in company with the keenest thief catchers of the precinct, was detailed to follow up the trail. Night after night the trio took up their watch within sight of Hennessy's drug store. But they failed to catch the thief. But when Hennessy opened up next morning it happened as often as not that something—either candy or cash—was missing.

Last night, however, the long vigil of the detectives was rewarded. A light appeared beneath a crack in the drug store door.

When thirteen policemen poured into the drug store they found the two boys dodging behind the counter. Gillogran was seized, but Callahan managed to slip between the policemen's fingers and run home to No. 14 Washington street, where he was afterward caught.

The boys admitted the thefts, explaining that they had divided up the candy with friends. The soap and drugs they had sold.

Magistrate Crane said the police should find out where the boys had sold the stuff. He then suggested charging the charge to disorderly conduct and sent the boys to the Catholic Protective for six months.

CHURCHILL TRIAL STILL DRAGS ALONG

Policeman Gray Suddenly Remembers Something To-Day that He Could Not Recall Yesterday.

Policeman Gray, of Inspector Croes's staff, was under redirect examination to-day in the trial of Sergt. Churchill at Police Headquarters.

Mr. Sandford asked the witness if he ever met Sergt. Churchill during his trip over the Fifteenth Precinct during evidence. He said that he saw him once in Sharkey's place, in Fourteenth street, and met him three times on the street.

"There are people around here ready to swear your life away," Gray said Churchill remarked when they met once on the street.

Although the witness had a lapse of memory yesterday when asked about instructions he got from Inspector Croes when sent in 1900 to the Fifteenth Precinct to help "clean it up," he was able to tell all about it when questioned by Mr. Sandford to-day.

"Be fair with me," he said the Inspector told him, "and do honest work. Get evidence that you can."

Mr. Rosalsky asked how his memory had been refreshed. He said that he just recollected it.

"Did Inspector Croes tell you to be fair with him because he had been accused by the clergy of the town of letting the awful conditions exist over there?"

"No."

Mr. Rosalsky started to question Gray closely as to how he went to work to get evidence in Allen street when Mr. Sandford objected. Mr. Rosalsky at once protested against what he called efforts to shield Croes.

"It is just as I said at the start. The District Attorney is here to suppress facts that reflect on people here. I know him of the condition I speak of. He spoke of them upon the same platform with me last year in that very district."

Mr. Rosalsky was not permitted to question Gray as to the details of his work with the "forty innocents."

SHIP SURGEONS LAX WITH EMIGRANTS.

Persons with Contagious Diseases Received on Steamers and Brought Here as Healthy Persons.

Immigration Commissioner Williams declares that ship surgeons are careless or criminal in permitting diseased infected emigrants to take passage for America, and he is going to insist on reform.

He has sent a sharp letter to Lawson, Secretary of the Transatlantic Conference. He says that a real case over on an Italian ship and two Hungarian boys on a French vessel with a pronounced case of "favus," a highly contagious disease common in Italy, but unknown here.

The ship surgeons in passing these persons, he holds, either swore falsely or were careless or are incompetent.

LOCAL.

RICH MAN A SUICIDE.

Taylor Hoffman, thirty-eight years old, a well-known resident of Jersey City, committed suicide by shooting himself while in the basement of the tenement-house No. 213 Second street, Jersey City, to-day.

Mr. Hoffman owned the house in which he killed himself. He was a bachelor and lived in a furnished room on Third street, near Grove.

WARREN GIRL'S DEATH. In a verdict given yesterday, a Coroner's jury, which has been investigating the death of Rommie Warren, fourteen years old, who died on April 14 in the sanitarium of Dr. August P. Reinhold, No. 823 Lexington avenue, decided that it was due to calvarial disease of the heart brought on by natural causes.

ACTRESS IN CONTEMPT. Because of her failure to appear in court in response to an order, Elita Proctor Otis, the actress, has been ordered by Justice O'Dwyer, of the City Court, to appear before him to-morrow and show cause why she should not be adjudged in contempt of court.

DOG ATTACKED MISTRESS. Mrs. Benjamin Van Aalstine while fondling her St. Bernard dog at her home in Ossining, N. Y., was suddenly attacked by the animal, who caught her chest in his fangs and tore a bad gash from the lower corner of her right eye nearly down to her mouth.

RESCUED FROM GAS. Samuel Coo, sixty-seven years old, of No. 238 West One Hundred and Twelfth street, was rescued from a room filled with gas just in time to save his life this morning. He was found unconscious in his bed by a hansom delivery man who called at his home.

HIGH-SCHOOL DAYS OVER. The amphitheatre of the Horace Mann High School, at Broadway, One Hundred and Nineteenth and One Hundred and Twentieth streets, was crowded by hundreds of friends and relatives of the fifty-five young women and men graduates to witness the commencement exercises of the year.

MISS BEAMAN TO WED. The engagement is announced of Miss Helen W. Beaman, daughter of Mr. Charles C. Beaman, to Mr. Herbert C. Lakin, of this city, a graduate of Harvard class of 1894, and also of the Harvard Law School.

MASS FOR MRS. DI CENESOLA. A solemn mass of requiem was celebrated yesterday morning in St. Patrick's Cathedral at the funeral of Mrs. Maria Lettie Di Cenesola, wife of Gen. Louis J. Di Cenesola, who died on Sunday at her home, No. 100 East Fifty-seventh street.

MERCANTILE BANK STOCK UP. Mercantile National Bank stock has now advanced 100 cents since last Saturday. It was reported in Wall street that Charles W. Morse and his friends are attempting to get control.

MACHINISTS STRIKE. DES MOINES, Ia., June 4.—Union machinists to the number of 100, including boiler-makers and blacksmiths, are on strike here and 100 plumbers have quit work.

CORONATION DELEGATES. VICTORIA, B. C., June 4.—The Canadian Pacific Railway's royal steamship Empress of Japan has arrived here from Yokohama with a notable passenger list. It includes thirty-three members of the Hongkong Singapore and Western-Pacific contingents to the coronation of King Edward VII. and Queen Alexandra, Prince Kenta Tani, the Japanese envoy to the British coronation.

INDIANA ADVISE TO KENTUCKY. NEW ALBANY, June 4.—The Third District Democratic Convention has renominated William T. Zeno, it then did an unusual thing by recommending that Henry Watterson, of Louisville, be elected a member of the Democratic National Committee.

ARMY PRISONERS FREED. LEAVENWORTH, Kan., June 4.—Ten prisoners affected by the United States Supreme Court decision in the case of Ex parte Quirin, have been released from the Federal penitentiary.

MINERS HUNT FOR CHILD. WILKESBARRE, Pa., June 4.—Hundreds of striking miners searched the woods about Broderick's, a little mining village, to-day for two-year-old Annie Vassallo, who disappeared on Saturday.

MORE PAY ON N. Y. CENTRAL. SYRACUSE, June 4.—Two thousand signal men, dispatchers, telegraphers and townsmen employed by the New York Central will receive an increase in pay, beginning on Monday. The additional pay aggregates \$125,000 a year.

TEACHERS WANT MORE PAY. SCHENECTADY, N. Y., June 4.—A majority of the teachers in the public schools here have asked the Board of Education for a 10 per cent. increase, because of the high cost of living.

SIX-YEAR-OLD KILLS FATHER. SHERBROOKE, Quebec, June 4.—Word has been received from Lake Megantic, a hunting and fishing resort on the Maine frontier, that the six-year-old son of a hunter, shot and killed his father because the latter had beaten the little fellow's brother.

WANTS MORTGAGE FORECLOSED. NEWARK, N. J., June 4.—Henry Olin, an attorney, is standing examiner of the United States District Court, to-day heard testimony in the action brought by the Guaranty Trust Company, of New York, to foreclose a mortgage for \$200,000 on the Atlantic Coast Railroad. The Trust Company claims that the railroad company has defaulted in the payment of interest on its bonds.

LONG TROUBLE LINE. BALTIMORE, June 4.—The Washington, Baltimore and Annapolis Railroad Company has given out contracts for grading a bridge over the Washington road. The road will be thirty miles long, and will be finished in eight months.

S. P. C. A. TAX EXEMPT. TRENTON, N. J., June 4.—The State Board of Taxation granted the application of the Hudson County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals for exemption from taxation on its office building in Jersey City.

CHILD SLAYER FOUND. TRENTON, N. J., June 4.—Miss Eliza Taylor, a young school teacher of this city, whom she has discovered violating the child labor law, while the State inspectors appeared not to have found any.

DEATH IN WELSH MINE. LONDON, June 4.—Eight miners were burned to death to-day as the result of an explosion of gas at Gwent, Kewen Co.'s colliery at Dowlais, Glamorgan, south Wales.

MUD VOLCANO ERUPTS. HAKU, Russia, June 4.—The Quanyuan, a mud volcano, situated near the village of Kobi, Caucasus, has erupted. This outbreak was accompanied by an explosion of gas at Gwent, Kewen Co.'s colliery at Dowlais, Glamorgan, south Wales.

BARKLEY NOTED CRIMINAL. LONDON, June 4.—John Barkley, who

explained to the Magistrate, "I carried a wallet with \$25 in it. This I had fastened on a safety pin. I took this wallet out while playing one day and exposed the roll. I saw Mrs. Hartridge looking at it, but paid no attention. A couple of days after that I laid my wallet out on my berth in my room while I went to the washroom. When I returned, wallet, money and safety pin were gone."

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Banker Kersgood Causes the Arrest of Mrs. Hartridge, Who Was His Partner at Bridge Whist—She Calls It an Outrage.



MRS. CATHERINE HARTRIDGE

OTTO C. KERSGOOD

Upon the ability of a mere man to identify a safety pin depends the case against Mrs. Catherine Hartridge, accused of robbing Otto C. Kersgood of \$275 on a steamship between San Francisco and Panama.

For this alleged crime she was arrested when the steamship Advance reached here from Colon yesterday. She was arraigned in Jefferson Market Court to-day and held to await action by the British Consul, as she is a British subject.

Kersgood appeared against her to-day, and it is he upon whom the safety pin identification task must fall. Upon a certain safety pin rests his charge against Mrs. Hartridge.

He said he had started from San Francisco for Denmark by way of the Isthmus of Panama and this city. On board the ship he met Mrs. Hartridge, together with a Mrs. McGlinchey and a Mrs. Ross, who were on their way to Valparaiso. The four became acquainted.

Mrs. Hartridge, who had been the secretary to a lawyer in San Francisco, proposed a game of bridge whist, and in the drawing for partners she was paired with Kersgood.

Kersgood a Loser. After a time the games were played for money and they became pretty stiff. Jewelry was put up for stakes, too. It happened that Mrs. Hartridge and Kersgood won in the beginning, but finally luck turned and Kersgood lost all his ready money.

"In my inside waistcoat pocket," he explained to the Magistrate, "I carried a wallet with \$25 in it. This I had fastened on a safety pin. I took this wallet out while playing one day and exposed the roll. I saw Mrs. Hartridge looking at it, but paid no attention."

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woman of refinement and protested strenuously against her arrest. If she is not found guilty of stealing Kersgood's money it is her intention to bring a suit for damages against the city for false imprisonment.

"Of course we played bridge whist for high stakes," said Mrs. Hartridge when she came from her cell this morning. "I told me he missed his money and that he wished me to do some detective work for him."

"He said that I was a bright woman and that I would be able to detect the thief. I began to ferret out the case and had succeeded in getting close to the thief when Mr. Kersgood said something that angered me. We had a quarrel and I refused to work for him any more. It was then that he accused me of taking the money myself."

Wouldn't Look at Her.

Before Mrs. Hartridge was taken to the court Kersgood was brought to the station-house. Mrs. Hartridge glared at him as they met before the sergeant's desk. He turned his head away and would not look at her.

Both were then placed in the patrol wagon, the woman hiding her face all the while behind a fan which the matron had given her.

As the wagon started Mrs. Hartridge turned on her accuser and assailed him with bitter speech.

"You talk of being a gentleman," she said. "Look what you have made me submit to. You know that I did not take your money, and that whatever you lost at bridge was won from you fairly."

Mrs. Hartridge's tirade was kept up as the patrol wagon rattled away to the police court.

Justice Bischoff, in the Supreme Court to-day, continued taking testimony in a suit brought by Susan Caroline Steers to have certain property transfers to Lucretia Virginia Birdsall-Steers set aside as having been obtained by undue influence. The transfers were made by the widow of Edwin P. Steers, late President of the Twelfth Ward Bank.

Lucretia Virginia Birdsall-Steers was companion to the banker's wife. When Mrs. Steers died she left a will bequeathing nearly her entire estate to Miss Birdsall-Steers. The will was admitted to probate in Nassau County after a contest.

Susan Caroline Steers is a sister of the testatrix. She contends that the will was only a temporary affair, executed by her sister for the purpose of securing to Miss Birdsall-Steers \$50,000 worth of property.

Hoffman and Wahle appear for the plaintiff. Mr. Wahle called William Mulligan, a lawyer, as his first witness to-day. Mr. Mulligan and his wife, who is his law partner, drew up the will. Mr. Mulligan testified that the will was to be destroyed as soon as Mrs. Steers got well and was able to make the transfers of certain property to Miss Birdsall-Steers. He identified the will and declared that Miss Birdsall-Steers had told him that it had been destroyed.

Abraham Steers, a brother of Banker Steers, testified that his family and that of his brother had been extremely friendly, and that Mrs. and Mrs. E. P. Steers had acted as joint parents for one of the witness's sons.

"Are you hostile to Miss Birdsall-Steers?" was asked.

"I am not and never have been," was the reply.

By the witness the lawyer attempted to show that Miss Birdsall-Steers took Mrs. Steers from her friends to Garden City, where she lived, and where the transfers were executed.

Red Cross Delegates Received. ST. PETERSBURG, June 4.—At the meeting of the International Red Cross Conference it was resolved to devote the interest accruing from the fund established by the Dowager Empress of Russia and the Czarina to the creation of prizes for the best inventions for the alleviation of the sufferings of wounded and invalided soldiers. The czar and the Czarina received the delegates at Tsarskoe-Selo to-day, and the Dowager Empress received them at Gatchina.

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